
Newsletter 7

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 3 and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a super Christmas break.

Children have all settled back into school for the new term and have returned to school life after Christmas very smoothly. Prior to Christmas, I asked in the newsletter whether any parents would be willing to join a small group to help review our behaviour policy. The policy has been reviewed and have made a few changes which should hopefully help our approach to encouraging expected behaviours to be more consistent. A copy of the updated policy can be seen on the website and children have had it shared (at an age-appropriate level) this week.



Holidays

I realise that at this time of the year, when our country is at its coldest and dampest, we are all thinking about booking holidays in the sun!



However, please remember that **no** holidays should be taken during school term time. If holidays are taken during term time, a penalty fine from the local authority will often be imposed.

The aim of this is to encourage all children to have as good attendance as possible. I have recently had this statistic shared with me:

In 2018/19, just 40% of children in KS2 with an attendance below 90% achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

This shows that good attendance is vital for children to achieve well academically, so I urge you please to only book holidays during designated school holidays.

February Half Term Holiday Drama Club

Join Valley Arts for a day of self-expression and imagination at



our upcoming Acting and Devising Workshop! Enjoy playful group games, thrilling storytelling adventures, and the chance to hone essential acting skills. Take to the stage for a performance, receive supportive feedback and direction from industry professionals, and, above all, experience an abundance of joy. Book now for a workshop that promises creativity and fun!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts

There will be 2 groups running, open to children in School Year Groups 2 - 4 and 5 - 8. Please note - If booking in siblings, each child must be under a separate booking.

Chew Magna Baptist Church, Bristol, BS40 8SP
Tuesday 13th February 2024, 10am-4pm
Cost £24* (*plus booking fee)

A huge Congratulations to Miss Topham our Year 6 teacher who got married during the Christmas break!

We would like to wish her all the best, and she will now be known as Mrs Durrant!



Please note that for Reception school places, applications **must be submitted before Monday 15 January 2024**. This applies to all children starting school for the first time in September 2024 (those born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020). If you have children that fall in to this category or you have friends locally with children of this age, please ensure that you have applied via the North Somerset council website!



UPCOMING DATES			
Event	Day	Date	Time
7-aside Football Tournament – Strode College	Thursday	18 th Jan	9.30-3pm
Bikeability Training Year 5 Group 1	Wednesday	24 th Jan	All day
Bikeability Training Year 4 and 5 Groups 1	Thursday	25 th Jan	am Y5-pm Y4
Year 4 cake sale	Friday	26 th Jan	3.10pm
Bikeability Training Year 5 Group 2	Wednesday	31 st Jan	All day
Bikeability Training Year 4 and 5 Groups 2	Thursday	1 st Feb	am Y5-pm Y4

Celebration Assembly Certificates	
<u>Lion Reception</u>	<p>Ella- for an excellent start to her school life at Winford! Ella has settled in so well to our class- she plays really nicely with everyone, listens well and is trying really hard with everything we do. Keep this up Ella!</p> <p>Alex- for an all round great week at school! Alex has been participating every day in class discussions, trying really hard with everything we do and was an amazing participant in our first dance session this week! Great work Alex!</p>
<u>Leopard Year 1</u>	<p>Layla-Mae - for cooperating so well this term and working hard in AND out of school. Layla is becoming more independent, more determined and joining in lots in class discussions. Layla-Mae is also doing extra work out of school which is definitely paying off! Well done working so hard, keep up this amazing attitude!</p> <p>Jesse - for showing more independence and confidence with his writing. Jesse is working hard to write his sentences on his own without asking for lots of help and his writing is showing improvements too! Well done Jesse - great work!</p> <p>Amber - for having a much more focused attitude. Amber is listening much more carefully, being less distracted and producing some fab work! Well done and keep this up!</p>
<u>Panther Year 2</u>	<p>Harper - you have been making a super effort on the carpet this week. I can see that you really trying your best to be 'ready to learn by following all of our 'ready to learn' requirements! Well done, Harper.</p>

	<p>Aurelia - You have been working super sensibly on your table this week and showing how to work calmly and carefully to your classmates. This makes Panther Class a lovely place to be for all. Well done, Aurelia</p>
<p><u>Tiger</u> <u>Year 3</u></p>	<p>Orla, you impress me every week with your dedication of learning your spellings. You are getting 10/10 in every test, including the pop quiz week when you could have any words from the precious 4 spelling list. All of these spelling patterns I am seeing you use in your writing. Well done, Orla.</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u> <u>Year 4</u></p>	<p>Flora has been a star this week. She's been in every day with a smile on her face, worked very hard and concentrated well. She's set a fantastic example to other children in the class.</p> <p>Francey has tackled this week at school with a really positive attitude. He's been focussed, worked hard and didn't give up, even when work was challenging. Well done!</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u></p>	<p>Rex- You have made such a great start to Term 3 Rex. You have really impressed me with your listening this week and motivation to get tasks started. Keep it up Rex!</p> <p>Isla- It has been a pleasure to listen to your insightful thoughts and ideas this week Isla. You have been joining in brilliantly and working so hard. What a great start to Term 3!</p>